

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim ~~10-20~~ wherein the wedge guiding direction ~~(33)~~ and the clamping direction ~~(34)~~ of a respective ~~the~~ turnbuckle device ~~(12, 13, 14, 20, 35a, 35b, 35c, 44a, 44b, 44c)~~ enclose an angle  $\alpha$  of less than  $90^\circ$ .

12. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 11 wherein the following relationship applies for the angle:

$$\alpha < 90^\circ - \arctan (B/A),$$

with B: greatest width of the wedge ~~(17a, 17b, 17c, 23, 37a, 37b, 37c, 46a, 46b, 46c)~~ measured transversely to the wedge guiding direction ~~(33)~~ and in the plane of wedge guiding direction ~~(33)~~ and clamping direction ~~(34)~~; ~~//~~

13. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim ~~11-20~~ wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is between  $40^\circ$  and  $85^\circ$ , ~~particularly approximately  $70^\circ$ ; ~~//~~~~

14. (Previously Presented) The concrete shell system according to claim 13 wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is approximately  $45^\circ$ .

15. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim ~~11-20~~ wherein the following relationship applies for the angle  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha < 90^\circ - \arctan (B/L),$$

with L: length of the wedge ~~(17a, 17b, 17c, 23, 37a, 37b, 37c, 46a, 46b, 46c)~~ in the wedge direction ~~(33)~~,

with B: greatest width of the wedge ~~(17a, 17b, 17c, 23, 37a, 37b, 37c, 46a, 46b, 46c)~~ measured transversely to the wedge guiding direction ~~(33)~~ and in the plane of wedge guiding direction ~~(33)~~ and clamping direction ~~(34)~~; ~~//~~

16. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 10, wherein the ~~wedge~~guide (17a, 17b, 17c; 23; 37a, 37b, 37c; 46a, 46b, 46c) of a ~~respective each~~ turnbuckle device (12, 13, 14; 20; 35a, 35b, 35c; 44a, 44b, 44c) is ~~solely guided~~disposed on only by one of the ~~claws~~ (22) of the respective turnbuckle device (12, 13, 14; 20; 35a, 35b, 35c; 44a, 44b, 44c) //.

17. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system to claim 10, wherein the ~~wedge~~ (17a, 17b, 17c; 23; 37a, 37b, 37c; 46a, 46b, 46c) of a respective turnbuckle device (12, 13, 14; 20; 35a, 35b, 35c; 44a, 44b, 44c) has at least one depression and/or protrusion, ~~which runs~~disposed diagonally to its ~~wedge~~the guiding direction (33), and at least one of the turnbuckle claws (15a, 15b, 15c; 21) of the respective turnbuckle devices (12, 13, 14; 20; 35a, 35b, 35c; 44a, 44b, 44c) has a profile ~~which engages in~~for engaging the depression and/or protrusion of the wedge (17a, 17b, 17c; 23; 37a, 37b, 37c; 46a, 46b, 46c); //.

18. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 10, wherein the ~~wedge~~ (17a, 17b, 17c; 23; 37a, 37b, 37c; 46a, 46b, 46c) of its ~~respective each~~ turnbuckle device (12, 13, 14; 20; 35a, 35b, 35c; 44a, 44b, 44c) has a cross-section tapering along its ~~the~~ wedge guiding direction (33); //.

19. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 17 wherein the ~~respective wedge~~ (17a, 17b, 17c; 23; 37a, 37b, 37c; 46a, 46b, 46c) has a constant size along its ~~the~~ wedge guiding direction (33); //.

20. (New) A concrete shell system comprising:  
concrete shell elements;  
turnbuckle devices for clamping the concrete shell elements to one another, each of the turnbuckle devices having spaced apart opposing claws displaceable toward one another in a clamping direction along a claw plane and a wedge disposed in a guide for causing displacement of the claws upon movement of the wedge within the

guide in a guiding direction along a wedge plane parallel to the claw plane, movement of the wedge determining the displacement of a class;

multiple mounting positions for receiving the turnbuckle devices, the mounting positions being spaced apart from one another and aligned on a straight line perpendicular to the clamping direction, and the guides are inclined with respect to the straight line in order to avoid collision of wedges of neighboring turnbuckle devices during movement of the wedges.